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REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's review of the specification, claims, and drawings. In light of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application. The amendments and remarks presented herein are fully supported by the application as originally filed. No new matter has been entered.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 110-134 are pending in the application. Claims 1-109 were cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment. Claims 111-122 and 125-134 are withdrawn from consideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:

The Examiner rejects Claim 110 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Frankhouse et al. ('120).

Applicant respectfully traverses. Notwithstanding, Applicants have amended Claim 110 to clarify the claim language to call for:

An interior rearview mirror system for a vehicle,
said rearview mirror system comprising:

a rearview mirror assembly, said rearview mirror assembly having a mirror casing, said mirror casing including a reflective element, and a support for mounting said mirror casing to a header portion or a windshield portion of a vehicle whereby adjustment of said rearview mirror assembly provides a rearward view through a rear window of the vehicle to a driver of the vehicle when the mirror assembly is mounted in the vehicle;

an information display repositionable between a viewing position viewable to an occupant of the vehicle wherein said information display is extended from said mirror casing and a non-viewing position fully retracted in said mirror casing wherein said information display is disposed to the rear of said reflective element and is not viewable by the driver; and

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said information display comprising a display chosen from a video screen, an incandescent display, a vacuum fluorescent display, an electro-illuminant display, a light emitting diode display, a cathode ray tube display, a field emission display, an E-ink display, and an organic emitting polymer display and displaying one chosen from an output of a camera, vehicle status information, a compass display, a temperature display, a computer display, a train warning display, a clock display, and a television image to provide information to a driver of the vehicle or a passenger of the vehicle, said information display being pivotal at least about a generally vertical axis wherein said information display may be adjusted to face the driver of the vehicle or the passenger of the vehicle.

Applicants respectfully urge that neither Frankhouse does not disclose or suggest the claimed combination, as clarified. For example, Frankhouse does not disclose or suggest an interior rearview mirror system that includes a rearview mirror assembly with a reflective element that provides a rearward view through a rear window of a vehicle to the driver of the vehicle and an information display that is repositionable between a viewing position viewable to an occupant of the vehicle wherein the information display is extended from the mirror casing and a non-viewing position fully retracted in the mirror casing wherein the information display is disposed to the rear of the reflective element and is not viewable by the driver and, further, with the information display being pivotal about a generally vertical axis wherein the information display may be adjusted to face the driver of the vehicle or passenger of the vehicle. In contrast to the present invention, Frankhouse is directed to a vanity console—not to an interior rearview mirror assembly as claimed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully urge that Claim 110 and its dependent claims, namely Claims 123 and 124, are patentably distinguishable over Frankhouse alone or in combination with any other reference of record.

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In addition, because Claims 111-122 and 125-134 depend from an allowable claim, Applicants respectfully request that Claims 111-122 and 125-134 be entered back into the case and allowed along with Claims 110, 123, and 124.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and solicits a Notice to that effect.

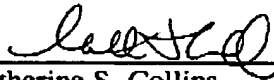
Should the Examiner have any questions or suggestions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (616) 975-5506 or at collins@vglb.com.

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